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19. (Confidential - LLM) Emerson Brown, INR, State, called in connection with a request they had received from the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Multinational Corporations, for information on political payments [redacted]. Brown said that the responsible State official wanted to know what information the Agency possessed and said he had been told by Agency officials that they would not respond without a written request from State. In response to my question, Brown said the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Multinational Corporations' request was limited to State information and on that basis, I recommended that State's response be limited to that request, explaining that we had met with the Subcommittee staff on this subject; that as a matter of policy, we prefer to deal directly with the requester and the Subcommittee is aware that U. S. corporations are outside of our general charter and any substantial information we have incidentally collected is referred to the appropriate departments or agencies. Brown agreed with our approach and felt that the State official was being too assertive. [redacted] also advised.

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State Dept. review completed